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TAGS: MASS, SP
SUBJECT: SALE OF AV 8A HARRIER AIRCRAFT TO SPAIN.

1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT, WHEN I HAD THE PLEASURE OF CALLING ON YOU RECENTLY WE TALKED ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF THE SPANISH NAVY DESIRE TO OBTAIN FIVE ADDITIONAL AV-8A HARRIER AIRCRAFT. AT THAT TIME THE LETTER OF OFFER HAD BEEN PREPARED BY CNO BUT FUTTHER ACTION WAS BEING HELD UP BY THE GENERAL REVIEW OF FMS PROCDEUDRES SINCE THEN, THE SPANISH CNO AGAIN EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE DELAY TO ADM HOLLOWAY DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO MADRID.

2. THE PROCUREMENT OF THESE AV-8A AIRCRAFT IS AN INTERGRAL PART OF A PROJECT UNDERTAKEN A LONG TIME AGO WITH ACTIVE US SUPPORT A PROJECT WHICH TOGETHER WITH THE ACQUISITION OF ONE OR MORE SEA CONTROL SHIPS IS A KEY TO MODERNIZATION OF THE SPANISH NAVY AND IMPORTANT TO ANY EVENTUAL NATO ROLE. SEVEN AV-8A AIRCRAFT ARE ALREADY IN THE SPANISH NAVY INVENTORY.

3. AS WE DISCUSSED DURING OUR EALIER CONVERSATION, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF THIS MATTER COULD BE RESOLBEC, ALONG WITH THE OTHER SIMILARLY PENDING SPANISH ITEM (SEA SPARROW MISSILES) PRIOR TO PRESIDENT SAUREZ VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK.

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4. I UNDERSTAND THAT EFFORTS TO THIS END ARE ALREADY UNDER WAY BUT WISH BY THIS MESSAGE SIMPLY TO ENLIST YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS ONCE AGAIN. STABLER

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